

## **PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA**

**OCTOBER 10, 2006**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, Vice Chairman Bill Williams, and Commissioners Billy E. Traylor and Nathan Peters, Jr. <Commissioner Jerry W. Barnes was absent>.

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Becky Norris, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Chamber of Commerce Director Sandra Chafin, E.D.C. Director Alan McNair, Grant Writer Loretta Costin, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Shane McGuffin, Planner David Richardson, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, and Sheriff's Office Major Joe Nugent.

Chairman McLemore called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., E.T.

Rev. James Wiley opened the meeting with prayer, and Major Nugent led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **COMMISSIONER - DISTRICT 5**

Chairman McLemore reported that Commissioner Barnes is absent due to an illness in his family.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Peters motioned to approve the following Consent Agenda items. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

1. Minutes - September 6, 2006 - Budget Meeting
  - September 18, 2006 - Final Budget Meeting
  - September 20, 2006 - Special Meeting
  - September 20, 2006 - Workshop
  - September 26, 2006 - Workshop
  - September 26, 2006 - Regular Meeting
2. Agreement - Auditing Services (Thomas Howell Ferguson/Jones)
  - Special Master Services (Shalene Grover)
3. Bid Opening - Affordable Housing Project

4. Budget Amendment #15 - County Courthouse Repair & Maintenance:  
Building (General Fund \* \$2,400.00) as follows:

**Budget Amendment #15  
General Fund**

	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Amended Budget</b>
<b>County Courthouse:</b>				
26219-46100 Repair & Maint:Bldg 22,400	\$ 20,000	\$ 2,400	\$ -0-	\$
<b>Reserves:</b>				
99984-95000 Reserve for Contingencies 101,068	\$ 103,468	\$ -0-	\$ 2,400	\$

(End)

Budget Amendment #16 - County Extension Agent (General Fund \*  
\$5,992.00) as follows:

**Budget Amendment #16  
General Fund**

	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Amended Budget</b>
<b>County Extension:</b>				
63237-12000 Salaries	\$60,507	\$ 5,000	\$ -0-	\$ 65,507
63237-21000 FICA	\$ 2,313	\$ 310	\$ -0-	\$ 2,623
63237-21500 Medicare	\$ 541	\$ 73	\$ -0-	\$ 614
63237-22000 Retirement	\$ 3,167	\$ 609	\$ -0-	\$ 3,776
<b>Reserves:</b>				
99984-95000 Reserve for Contingencies	\$101,068	\$ -0-	\$ 5,992	\$ 95,076

(End)

Budget Amendment #17 - Parks & Recreation (General Fund \* \$1,000.00) as  
follows:

**Budget Amendment #17  
General Fund**

	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Amended Budget</b>
<b><i>Other Parks &amp; Recreation:</i></b>				
21072-46005 R & M Parks Dist 5	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,000	\$	\$ 2,800
21072-46003 R & M Parks Dist 5	\$ 1,800	\$	\$ 1,000	\$ 800

(End)

5. Inventory - Gulf County Beaches Fire Department (Transfer #150-7, #150-54 to the Overstreet Fire Department \* #150-27 to the Dalkeith Fire Department \* Junk #150-33, #150-41 \* Transfer #150-82 to the South Gulf County Fire Department)
  - Gulf County Extension Agent (Transfer #50-45 to the Gulf County Road Department)
  
6. Invoice - Ausley & McMullen, P.A. - Gulf Pines Hospital Litigation/Tax Collector (#49085 \* \$1,583.60 \* #50448 \* \$77.72)
  - County Attorney Timothy McFarland (September, 2006 \* \$11,068.00 to be paid from Account #21314-31100)
  - Florida Sheriff's Association (\$1,088.63 to be paid from Account #30621-52000)
  - Gulf County C.D.C. - S.H.I.P. Program Expenses (\$4,000.00)
  - MRD Associates, Inc. - Erosion Control (Project #06-210.5 \* #643 \* \$3,617.00 / Project #06-210.7 \* #644 \* \$1,792.50 / Project #05-210.6 \* #654 \* \$30,478.60 / Project #05-210.2 \* #655 \* \$25,894.45 to be paid from Account #43137-31000)
  - Preble-Rish, Inc. - Gulf County E.M.S. Building (#64806 \* \$4,000.00 to be paid from Account #51626-62001)
  - Preble-Rish, Inc. - Willis Landing Road (C.R. 381) S.C.O.P. Project (#64807 \* \$3,318.50 to be paid from Account #40641-31000)
  - Preble-Rish, Inc. - Willis Landing Road (C.R. 381) S.C.O.P. Project (#64833 \* \$3,218.51 to be paid from Account #40641-31000)
  - Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell - General Employment Matters (File #G214-107990 \* Invoice #703937 \* \$3,020.00 to be paid from Account #21111-31200)
  
7. Proclamation - Gary Ross (Gulf Coast Workforce Development Board) as follows:

## PROCLAMATION

## **Gulf County Board of County Commissioners**

**WHEREAS**, the most precious gift of all is giving of yourself in service to your fellow man; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation was founded by volunteers who risked their lives for their fellow man to establish a government of the citizens unlike anywhere else in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners believes in citizen involvement in the improvement of our society; and

**WHEREAS**, those who volunteer their services clearly believe, as did John F. Kennedy, that happiness is defined as "the full use of your powers along lines of excellence"; and

**WHEREAS**, this dedication to civic duty results in a great benefit to our communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners officially recognizes

### **Mr. Gary Ross**

For dedicated service as Chairman of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board.

(End)

8. Progress Report #10 - St. Joseph Peninsula Erosion Control Project
9. Proposal - Preble-Rish, Inc. - Money Bayou Headwall Project  
(10% of construction project costs)
  - Preble-Rish, Inc. - White City Bulkhead Project  
(Lump sum fee of \$4,500.00)
  - Preble-Rish, Inc. - Howard Creek Road Project  
(10% of total grant amount)
  - Preble-Rish, Inc. - Road Bond Change Order #5 & #6
10. Resolution - Budget Amendment (Unanticipated Revenue \* Library Building \* \$111,471.00 \* Stone Mill Creek Fire Department Buildings \* \$5,000.00) as follows:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-40**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, has received unanticipated revenue in the General Fund and the Tupelo Fire Control District Fund for fiscal year 2005-2006; and

**WHEREAS**, said revenue is needed to help pay certain expenditures incurred in fiscal year 2005-2006;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The 2005-2006 fiscal year budget is amended as follows:

**GENERAL FUND**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
<b>Contributions &amp; Donations:</b>			
00166-92000 Contributions	\$ -0-	\$ 111,471	\$ 111,471
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>Libraries:</b>			
62271-62100 Buildings	\$ -0-	\$ 111,471	\$ 111,471

**TUPELO FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT FUND**

<b>REVENUES:</b>			
<b>Contributions &amp; Donations:</b>			
10766-92000 Contributions	\$ -0-	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>Stonemill Creek FD:</b>			
31722-62001 Buildings	\$ -0-	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000

**THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED** by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.

(End)

- Budget Amendment (Unanticipated Revenue \* Tax Collector  
\* \$11,265.00) as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-41**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, has received unanticipated revenue in the General Fund for fiscal year 2005-2006; and

**WHEREAS**, said revenue is needed to help pay certain expenditures incurred in fiscal year 2005-2006;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The 2005-2006 fiscal year budget is amended as follows:

**GENERAL FUND**

	<b><u>Original Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>	<b><u>Amended Budget</u></b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
<b>County Officers Fees:</b>			
00141-51000 Tax Collector Fees	\$120,000	\$ 11,265	\$ 131,265
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>Transfer to Constitutional Officers:</b>			
Budget	\$413,340	\$ 11,265	\$ 424,605

**THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED** by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, this 10th day of October 2006.

(End)

- Budget Amendment (Unanticipated Revenue \* State Grant  
County E.M.S. Grant \* \$38,233.00 \* Federal Grant  
\$558,600.00) as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-42**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, has received unanticipated revenue in the General Fund for fiscal year 2005-2006; and

**WHEREAS**, said revenue is needed to help pay certain expenditures incurred in fiscal year 2005-2006.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The 2005-2006 fiscal year budget is amended as follows:

**GENERAL FUND**

<b><u>Original Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>	<b><u>Amended Budget</u></b>
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**REVENUES:****State Grants:**

00134-22000 County EMS Grant	\$ -0-	\$ 38,233	\$ 38,233
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**Federal Grants:**

00131-20001 Public Safety	\$ 13,415	\$ 558,600	\$ 572,015
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**EXPENDITURES:****Fire Departments:**

33122-64001 Equipment > 5000	\$ -0-	\$ 408,500	\$ 408,500
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**Wewa Ambulance:**

51526-64001 Equipment > 5000	\$ 25,000	\$ 38,233	\$ 63,233
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**Gulf E.M.S.:**

51626-64001 Equipment > 5000	\$ 40,000	\$ 150,100	\$ 190,100
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**THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED** by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners this 10th day of October, 2006.

(End)

11. Road Bond Funds - District 4 (District Allocation increase to \$285,000.00)
12. Road Maintenance - Surfside Estates (Pave Pebble Beach Drive and perform limited maintenance on Mercury Lane, Polaris Drive and Pluto Way)
13. Roadway Drainage - Two Palms Drive (Approve \$4,000.00 expenditure for Public Works to purchase pipe and concrete to provide a drainage system \* to be paid from Secondary Road & Bridge Funds)
14. S.H.I.P. - Rehabilitation Assistance (\$16,500.00 - Elaine M. Howell / \$5,000.00 - Holly Cargill, Willie Mae Harris, Christine P.Taylor)

(End)

**RESOLUTION - FIRE HYDRANT PRESSURE**

County Attorney McFarland read and discussed a proposed resolution providing fire protection and suppression services to the people of unincorporated areas of Gulf County, Florida. Commissioner Williams motioned to adopt the following-titled resolution. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-43**

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners is dedicated to provide fire protection and suppression services to the people of unincorporated Gulf County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners finds it necessary and appropriate in promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Gulf County, Florida and pursuant to Florida Statute 125.01 to establish minimum levels of service standards for hydrant pressures within certain described areas of the County as set forth below; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to not prohibit, or otherwise stop development of existing approved subdivisions, the following levels of service for respective areas of the County shall govern regarding required County hydrant pressures until City connections and upgrades are made available, or the date set forth below shall expire, whichever occurs first;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

The following levels of service for minimum hydrant pressure standards are:

1. Jones Homestead area: 170gpm until City connection is completed or August 1, 2007, whichever occurs first.
2. Indian Pass, Gulf County line area: 260gpm until upgrades are completed or until July 1, 2008, whichever occurs first.
3. Overstreet area: 400gpm until Beacon Hill plant completion or November 1, 2007, whichever occurs first.
4. Such flow rates are to be calculated above peak day flow (20psi residential).

**RESOLVED BY THE** Gulf County Board of County Commissioners this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.

(End)

### **AUDITOR SERVICES**

Keith Jones, C.P.A., appeared before the Board and discussed the agreement for Auditing Services, stating that he has met with the Constitutional Officers. Jeff Barbacci, of Thomas Howell Ferguson, appeared before the Board and discussed the benefits and values they can bring to Gulf County.

### **RESOLUTION - SUB-LEASE RISH PARK**

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed a proposed resolution which will allow the County to sub-lease approximately 2.9 acres of land at Rish Park. County Attorney McFarland read the following proposed resolution. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous (4-0) vote, the Board adopted the following



resolution.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-44**

#### **A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA GRANT THE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS A SUB-LEASE OF APPROXIMATELY 2.9 ACRES ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS RISH PARK.**

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners is committed to maintaining compliance with the Comprehensive Plan goals, objectives and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the need for additional parking for this area in order to access the beach as well as handicapped access; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has offered Gulf County the opportunity to sub-lease approximately 2.9 acre panel of land known as Rish Park;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners to enter into a lease with the State of Florida to construct, maintain and operate said land as a beach access.

**ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2006.**

(End)

#### **COURTHOUSE SPENDING PLAN**

On behalf of Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed the Courthouse 2006-2007 fiscal year grant-in-aid funding. She reported that Chief Administrator Don Butler met with the Chief Judge and recommends that the 2006-2007 grant funds be used to upgrade the Courthouse air conditioning system (\$30,000.00 for engineering and \$270,000.00 for the new system). Commissioner Peters motioned to approve the 2006-2007 spending plan as recommended. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

#### **COURTHOUSE GRANT-IN-AID AGREEMENT**

On behalf of Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed the Courthouse grant-in-aid agreement, and requested permission for the Chairman to execute it. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

## **COURTHOUSE GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING REQUEST**

On behalf of Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lanier requested permission for the Chairman to execute the grant-in-aid funds request, in the amount of \$300,000.00. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

## **MUNIS SYSTEM**

Deputy Administrator Lanier reported that the Board has approved to purchase modules for the Munis system, and recommended that the modules be purchased now to avoid a price increase. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion for discussion. Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed that at the current price the Building Department modules can be purchased. Commissioner Williams amended the motion to include the purchase of the Building Department modules. Commissioner Traylor seconded the amended motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0). Commissioner Williams discussed that representatives from the Clerk's Office and Administration will be attending a training seminar on the new modules.

## **DOMAIN NAME - GULF COUNTY**

Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed increasing the County information technology and web base, stating that G.I.S. Coordinator Larry Davis has researched this and the Board can get a domain name for Gulf County. Deputy Administrator Lanier requested permission to apply for the domain name for the County. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

## **AWARD BID #0506-31 - TRANSPORT TRUCK FINANCING - SOLID WASTE**

Upon recommendation by Solid Waste Director Danford, Commissioner Williams motioned to award Bid #0506-31 (for financing of a transport truck for the Solid Waste Department) to local bidder Capital City Bank, in the amount of \$75,082.00, at a rate of 4.95%. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0). Solid Waste Director Danford reported that the funds are in his budget to make the payments on the transport truck.

## **IMPACT FEES**

Planner Richardson discussed a memo regarding impact fees, stating that there have been some issues regarding replacing old mobile homes with newer mobile homes, or a structure that has burned. He recommended that these be exempt from paying the impact fees as long as they are "like" use. Planner Richardson also recommended that the Board approve a D.C.A. module to accept the acquired building code designation and consider it as a residence and not as a mobile home. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve these

recommendations. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion for discussion. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Williams, County Attorney McFarland stated that as long as the structure is replaced with a comparable structure, this issue will be resolved. After further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Planner Richardson reported that the Capital Improvement Plan and Financial Feasibility Plan must be completed by December, 2006.

### **FLOOD MAPS**

Planner Richardson discussed that the County is in a map modernization program (flood maps) with the Northwest Florida Water Management District. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Williams, Planner Richardson stated that the Northwest Florida Water Management will schedule hearings on this issue.

### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Planner Richardson discussed that he and County Attorney McFarland are negotiating with D.C.A. regarding wetland policies and the comprehensive plan, stating they have completed a draft for D.C.A. to review.

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUDGET**

Commissioner Traylor discussed the amount budgeted for the Affordable Housing Program, stating that the Board approved \$10,000.00. Upon inquiry by Dannie Bolden, Gulf County C.D.C. Director, Clerk Norris stated that there is only \$10,000.00 in the budget.

### **WORK CREW VANS**

Commissioner Traylor motioned to advertise to receive sealed bids for work crew vans that have been budgeted. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

### **OVERSTREET BOAT RAMP**

Commissioner Traylor discussed that the County will soon be advertising to receive sealed bids for the Overstreet boat ramp project.

### **STONE MILL CREEK ROAD / C.I.G.P.**

Commissioner Traylor discussed that the Stone Mill Creek road has been approved for

resurfacing and widening, and requested a change order be approved to cover additional projects that connect to the Stone Mill Creek road. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Traylor discussed that this will be paid from the District 2 Road Bond Allocation. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0). Upon inquiry by Clerk Norris, about bidding the Road Bond Paving Program, County Attorney McFarland stated that this additional amount will be funded from the Road Bond funds allocated for District 2.

## **CONSTITUTION**

Commissioner Traylor discussed that he received a call regarding the Board's belief regarding the Constitution, stating that the Board members are elected officials and follow the Constitution.

## **RESCUE TRUCK - GULF COUNTY E.S.U.**

Commissioner Williams discussed the that the Gulf County E.S.U. has received funding for their new rescue truck, and would like to transfer the old rescue truck to a fire department. Gulf County E.M.S. Director McGuffin appeared before the Board and discussed that when their ambulances are changed out they place their old ambulances at fire departments to be used as first responder vehicles. He recommended that the old Gulf County E.S.U. truck (#145-44/1995 Ford F250 Supercab/VIN #1FTHX25F6SKA97011) be transferred to the Stone Mill Creek Fire Department. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

## **OVERSTREET WATER SYSTEM**

Commissioner Traylor discussed that the ribbon cutting for the new Overstreet Water System will be Thursday, October 19, 2006 at 6:30 p.m., E.T.

## **ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE**

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Peters, County Attorney McFarland discussed that the County does not have a law prohibiting dogs on the beach. Commissioner Williams discussed that he does not want to prohibit dogs on the beach. Commissioner Traylor discussed that the residents and visitors are very careful to take care of the dogs on their leashes. After further discussion, Chairman McLemore requested this issue be tabled until a later date.

## **PARKS COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Peters motioned to appoint David Langston and Eddie Fields to the City of Port St. Joe Parks Committee. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0). Commissioner Williams discussed that the committee has been formed and they are meeting every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m., E.T.

## **VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD**

Commissioner Peters discussed a letter from the Jesse Ball DuPont Fund (page 25 of the Information Packet), stating that he is on a committee for the North Port St. Joe Community. He discussed that there is a conference in Washington, D.C. on October 25<sup>th</sup> through October 27<sup>th</sup>, stating that he will be absent for the V.A.B. Hearing scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Peters motioned for Commissioner Traylor to replace him on the V.A.B. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

## **SPECIAL PROJECT PAYMENTS**

Commissioner Peters discussed the Board's new policy regarding Special Project payments. Commissioner Williams discussed that the Board agreed that the person or group requesting funds from Special Projects appear before the Board. After further discussion, Clerk Norris stated that she will check this procedure and report back to the Board. Commissioner Peters discussed that he received a letter from the Gene Raffield Football League requesting funds, and stated that he will contact them regarding their appearance before the Board. After further discussion, Chairman McLemore Traylor requested that Clerk Norris research the policy and procedures and report back to the Board.

## **HONEYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER / STORM SHELTER**

Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore regarding The Red Cross signing off on the Honeyville Community Center as a storm shelter, Warren Yeager, of Preble-Rish, Inc. reported that Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson is waiting to hear from The Red Cross on this issue.

## **FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CONFERENCE**

Commissioner Williams reported that he attended the F.A.C. Legislative Conference, and discussed that the County is a participant in a coalition with all sixty-seven Counties. He stated that all sixty-seven Counties review the Legislative Agenda that will be impacting the Counties during the upcoming Fiscal session. Commissioner Williams discussed property insurance, property tax reform, and different Legislative issues from all areas.

## **STUMPHOLE PROJECT**

Commissioner Williams discussed that he and Commissioner Traylor attended the Regional Transportation meeting and the D.O.T. Meeting regarding the Stumphole project. He reported that the Stumphole project is in the second prioritization, and he and Commissioner Traylor will be able to vote on this issue.

## **PARKS COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Williams requested permission to work with individuals on the Parks

Committee regarding the Highland View Park, Beacon Hill Park, and White City Park. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

### **BEACHES TOWN HALL MEETING**

Commissioner Williams discussed that he held a town hall meeting at the Beaches Fire Department. He discussed constructing a bike trail to connect Highland View Park to Beacon Hill Park (behind the Panther Swamp area). Commissioner Williams requested permission to meet with St. Joe Company on this issue. The Board had no objection.

### **WINDMARK BEACH**

Commissioner Williams discussed that the Windmark Beach D.R.I. gives a total of two acres of land on the ends of Windmark Beach for parking and beach access. Commissioner Williams reported that St. Joe Company is moving the cul-de sac that is currently on Betty Gay's property in St. Joe Shores to another location.

### **WHITE CITY AREA**

Commissioner Williams discussed that crews are looking at the White City Park, and also stated that he has been holding town hall meetings in this area. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Williams, Grant Writer Costin reported that the F.R.D.A.P. Grant has been submitted, but no response has been received at this time.

### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET**

Commissioner Williams discussed that during the budget session funds were moved into the Sheriff's budget, in the amount of \$404,838.00, to cover BCBS insurance benefits. He stated that they were the only department that was given additional funds, stating that when the Board made the one-percent decrease it came off the total benefits which reduced their budget. Commissioner Williams motioned for the Sheriff to be allowed to work with the Clerk to transfer \$20,838.00 from the benefits line item to the Sheriff's budget to allow the deputies to receive a raise. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

Commissioner Williams discussed that the Sheriff's Office retirement rates are mandated by the State, and are at a higher rate because of the high risk. He requested that the Board review this issue due to a \$48,000.00 shortfall in their retirement budget.

### **INMATE MEDICAL BILLS**

Commissioner Williams discussed that the Sheriff has agreed to assist with the general inmate medical department at the jail, stating that the County is paying for inmate medical bills by State law. Commissioner Williams requested permission to review and present a proposal to the Board on ways to limit the medical bills. Chairman McLemore discussed the

possibility of hiring a part time Doctor for the jail, and requested permission from the Board for him and Commissioner Williams to work together on this issue.

### **CIVIC LEADER TOUR - TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE**

Commissioner Williams discussed that he received a letter from Brigadier General Todd Walters, requesting that he attend a Civic Leader Tour with Tyndall Air Force Base to look at the F-22 rafter programs in Marietta, Georgia and Goldsboro, North Carolina. He stated that the Federal Government will pay for this trip, but there is a \$230.00 fee involved. Commissioner Williams requested to pay this \$230.00 from his Special Project funds. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and discussed that a hub-zone is an area that the County needs to work with E.D.C., stating that there is a special designation under the hub-zone with this County and Washington County. E.D.C. Director McNair discussed that they are no longer involved because the program has expired, but the County has a relationship with Tyndall Air Force Base. He stated that contracts have been obtained from research and development for industry in Gulf County. E.D.C. Director McNair stated that he has applied for the hub zone designation under the guidance of Congressman Boyd. After further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

### **ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES**

Commissioner Williams discussed the tragedy that occurred in Wewahitchka on Saturday due to a A.T.V. accident, stating that the changes in legislation regarding A.T.V.'s allows them to operate on dirt roads. Commissioner Williams requested permission to work with the Sheriff's Office and County Attorney to see if the Board should adopt additional regulations. Commissioner Williams also requested that the Board send a letter of condolence to the family.

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Commissioner Williams discussed that the Strategic Planning Committee and E.D.C. appeared before the Board regarding the adoption of the Strategic Plan. He discussed the economic crisis the County is going through at this time, and requested that Loretta Costin appear before the Board and discuss the plan. Mrs. Costin discussed the recommendations from the Strategic Planning Committee as (1) adopt the Strategic Plan, (2) share plan with the City of Port St. Joe and City of Wewahitchka, (3) communicate between entities, (4) appoint a group to serve as task force, (5) meet monthly with Loretta Costin, (6) bringing a new hospital and port into the community, and (7) appoint a task force to report to the Board. Commissioner Peters motioned for Loretta Costin to facilitate the plan. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0). Jim Townsend appeared before the Board and discussed plans that are beneficial for the County. Chairman McLemore requested that E.D.C. contact Woods Fisheries regarding help at their shrimp farm. E.D.C. Director McNair discussed that he has been in contact with Woods Fisheries. Upon inquiry by Raymond Wood, Chairman McLemore introduced E.D.C. Director Alan McNair. After further discussion, Commissioner Williams motioned to release the funds for

E.D.C. that were placed in the Board's Budget (\$40,000.00). Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0). Planner Richardson recommended that the Board adopt the E.D.C. plan. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this recommendation. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

### **DRAINAGE - CAPE SAN BLAS**

On behalf of Commissioner Barnes, Chairman McLemore reported that \$4,000.00 was approved in the consent agenda for drainage issues at Cape San Blas.

### **MOSQUITO SPRAYING**

Commissioner Peters discussed that the mosquitos are very bad at this time, and Mosquito Control Director Danford discussed that the Mosquito Control Department can only respond to trap counts and complaints, and they are spraying at this time.

### **VETERANS' SERVICE**

Commissioner Peters discussed that Oak Grove Assembly of God Church has requested that the County staff and all Commissioners attend the Community Wide Veterans' Day service on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., E.T. at Oak Grove Assembly of God Church.

### **STUDENT - WEWAHITCHKA HIGH SCHOOL**

Sandra Chafin, Director of Gulf County Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Board and discussed that a local student won a \$10,000.00 scholarship by entering an essay contest sponsored by Dollar General Stores and Suave Corporation. She stated that the student is Caleb Price from Wewahitchka High School, and there will be an award ceremony today. Commissioner Traylor requested that the Board send a letter congratulating this student.

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Dannie Bolden, Gulf County C.D.C. Director, appeared before the Board and discussed that they would like to apply for the Community Workforce Housing Innovation Pilot Program grant on behalf of the County. Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore, Mr. Bolden stated that this is not a matching grant, it is a donation. Mr. Bolden also reported that Tim Croft, Brian Underwood, Jerry Gaskin, Clay Kennedy, Carolyn Holden, Pat Hardman, Lee Collinsworth, David Langston, and Loretta Costin will be helping put this project together. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Peters, Mr. Bolden stated that the S.H.I.P. funds can be used as matching funds, but the funds for rehabilitation or purchase assistance will not be used. After further



discussion, Chairman McLemore stated that he will schedule a workshop scheduled on this issue.

### **RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANT**

Dannie Bolden, Gulf County C.D.C. Director, appeared and discussed that they are applying through the City of Port St. Joe for a Rural Community Development Initiative grant. He stated that this is a grant from the Department of Agriculture, and requested the Board's support of the Board of the grant application. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion for discussion. Mr. Bolden discussed that the County will not have to fund anything, because the funds are being applied for through the City of Port St. Joe. Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore, Dannie Bolden discussed that no funds will come from the S.H.I.P. Program, for this grant. After further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

### **GROUPER AVENUE**

Raymond Wood, of Highland View, appeared before the Board and commended G.A.C. for the paving of Redfish Street, and inquired about commercial traffic on Grouper Avenue. Commissioner Williams discussed that there is one road designated for commercial traffic, and that use of this road should be complete at this time.

### **SPECIAL PROJECT PAYMENTS**

Clerk Norris reported that a motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, to adopt a Special Projects policy effective October 1, 2006, that required groups wishing to receive special project funds to come before the Board at a meeting to request the funds and complete the forms for the Commissioner to sign to submit to the Clerk for payment. She stated that the motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams, and the vote was unanimous on July 26, 2006.

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT SERVICES - CITY OF PORT ST JOE**

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Peters, Deputy Administrator Lanier discussed that a letter has been mailed to the City of Port St. Joe regarding Building Department services.

Patricia Hardman, appeared before the Board and discussed the County giving the City of Port St. Joe fifteen percent of the building department fees, services, stating that the County must be over-charging on permits. County Attorney McFarland discussed that the Building Department is a stand alone department (operates on the fees generated).

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, the meeting did then adjourn at 7:42 p.m., E.T.

**CARMEN L. MCLEMORE  
CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

**REBECCA L. NORRIS  
CLERK**